

REMARKS

The basis for filing the reissue is that the claims are too narrow.

"Cattle" in claims 3 & 11 is too narrow a limitation. It is replaced with a far broader group consisting of nine animals. Support for this change is found in the specification at col. 4, lines 49-51; col. 5, line 46 and col. 6, line 36.

Claim 4 is amended to clarify the limitation by adding "by weight." Support for this change is found at col. 7, lines 16-17.

Claim 6 is amended to include a larger range of lubricant. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at col. 3, line 38.

Claim 7 is amended to clarify the limitation by adding "by weight." Support for this change is found at col. 7, line 21.

"[G]entamicin" in claim 8 is too narrow a limitation. It is replaced with a group consisting of eight antibiotics. Support for this change is found in the specification at col. 7, lines 12-15.

Claim 12 is amended to clarify the limitation by adding "by weight." Support for this change is found in the specification at col. 7, lines 16-17.

Claim 13 is amended to clarify that it is a method claim.

Claim 14 is amended to clarify that it is a method claim.

New claim 17 specifies different areas for pellet implantation where claim 1 specifies none. Support for this new claim is found in the specification at col. 4, lines 57-62.

Support for new claim 18 is found in the specification at Fig. 6; col. 1, lines 45-50, lines 62-67 and col. 2, lines 63-64.

Support for new claim 19 is found in the specification at col. 4, lines 49-51; col. 5, line 46 and col. 6, line 36.

Support for new claim 20 is found in the specification at col. 7, lines 16-17.

Support for new claim 21 is found in the specification at col. 7, lines 18-19.

Support for new claim 22 is found in the specification at col. 3, line 38.

Support for new claim 23 is found in the specification at col. 7, line 21.

Support for new claim 24 is found in the specification at col. 7, lines 12-15.

Support for new claim 25 is found in the specification at Fig. 6; col. 1, lines 45-50, lines 62-67 and col. 2, lines 63-64.

Support for new claim 26 is found in the specification at col. 4, lines 49-51; col. 5, line 46 and col. 6, line 36.

Support for new claim 27 is found in the specification at col. 7, lines 16-17.

Support for new claim 28 is found in the specification at col. 5, lines 4-14.

Support for new claim 29 is found in the specification at col. 4, lines 57-62.

It is believed that the above-identified claims are in condition for allowance and that a Notice of Allowance will issue.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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